

## **MINUTES OF URSWICK, BARDSEA AND STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**From the meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018**

**Urswick Parish Room, 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr. L. Birchall, Cllr. P. Bolt, Cllr. D. Chamberlain, Cllr. N. Cowsill, Cllr. J. Hannah, Cllr. J. Keen (Chairman), Cllr. M. Turner, Cllr. J. Winder, Dr. P. Attree (Clerk).

Dist/County Cllrs. J. Airey & J. Willis.

Members of the public: 3.

**1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C. Airey & A. Butcher.

**RESOLVED: that the apologies be accepted and the reasons noted.**

**2. Declarations of interests**

**To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.**

None on today's agenda. Cllr. Chamberlain declared an interest in an item to appear in the Public Forum regarding the Coot site in Great Urswick.

**3. Requests for dispensations**

None.

**4. To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018.**

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

**5. To note progress on matters not on today's agenda – for report and observation only (items requiring a decision to be placed on agenda of next meeting).**

The Clerk reported on the following items:

- Cattle grid on Birkrigg – now repaired.
- Alleged planning breach at field adjacent to Weint Lane, Great Urswick – reported to Planning Enforcement
- Street light repaired in Bardsea
- Alleged planning breach at Land adjacent to Daisy Hill, Great Urswick – reported to Planning Enforcement

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6. **Public Forum: Questions, comments or concerns from any local resident.** NB. The Council may wish to consider a matter in more detail at a later date before making a full response. On the invitation of the Chairman, K. Jones talked to members about a forthcoming planning application for the Coot site, Great Urswick. The Clerk gave guidance to councillors about bias and predetermination in the planning process. As a neighbour of the site, Cllr. Chamberlain offered to absent herself from the meeting – this was declined by the applicant. Drafts of the planning application were circulated to councillors for information only.

7. **Report from Police on any matters of local concern and /or interest to Councillors and residents (for information only).**

The Clerk read a report from the Police, as follows:

**CRIME FIGURES**

Crime figures can be obtained via the Cumbria Police Website:

<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/Your-Area/Your-area.aspx>

Alternatively use the following link:

<https://www.police.uk/>

**INCIDENTS OF NOTE**

- Highway Disruption – 1 x fallen tree; 1 x load shed from lorry
- Drug Offences – 1 x driving whilst over the prescribed limit (driver arrested); 2 x possession of cannabis – cannabis warnings issued
- Driving whilst uninsured – 1 x vehicle uplifted and driver arrested
- Anti-social behaviour – 1 x noisy party; 1 x neighbour dispute
- Concern for welfare x 1 – all in order
- Illegal camping /fly tipping /off road motorcyclist – x 7 incidents at Birkrigg (Campers moved on and rubbish collected and disposed of)

**CRIME PREVENTION AND OTHER INFORMATION**

- Community Speed Watch - regular sessions continue with volunteers
- Joint Partnership Patrols with SLDC Enforcement
- Police desk sessions continue at Urswick Parish Rooms on a monthly basis

8. **Reports from District and County Councillors on matters of interest to Councillors and residents (for information only).**

Cllr. J. Willis reminded councillors that road markings at Low Furness School are likely to be completed next year. It was reported that a Public Enquiry is to be carried out regarding the planning appeal for Kirkby Windfarm. The Clerk noted that this will be on the Council's next agenda. Cllr. Bolt informed Cllr. Willis that remedial work has been undertaken at the Daisy Hill drain – however, this has been ineffective. Cllr. Willis will follow up.

Cllr. J. Airey noted that road marking recently introduced on Mountbarrow Road, Ulverston are intended to increase pedestrian safety. A recent large bonfire in little Urswick was reported and subsequently extinguished.

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**9. To receive an update from the Tarn working group and agree any actions.**

(see item 11) Cllr. Chamberlain reported that members of the Tarn Working Group had met with residents adjacent to the Landing to discuss the proposed changes to the parking area. Concerns about anti-social behaviour on the site were discussed and a verbal agreement reached regarding improvements to the parking area. Proposed costs will be brought to the next Council meeting.

(see item 14) Cllr. Chamberlain also addressed concerns regarding acceptable behaviour in the vicinity of the Tarn. New signage will be introduced to inform visitors about appropriate behaviour, to include reminders about hygiene practices. Instances of anti-social behaviour should be reported to the Police.

Cllr. Chamberlain reported that the long-term resident male swan has left the Tarn. It is thought that all this year's coot and moorhen ducklings have survived.

The Chairman reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> fishing peg should be completed in the near future, as should remedial work to the Catwalk. At the Croft, chicken wire at the jetty needs replacing – the Chairman will check on costs.

Cllr. Bolt noted that he had received a complaint that, due to the current low level of the Tarn, a resident's boat cannot launch. No action is feasible.

**10. To consider replacement of a fishing peg with disabled access on Urswick Tarn.**

Decision deferred until next meeting.

**11. To approve costs for an extension of the parking area at the Landing, Urswick Tarn.**

See item 9.

**12. To consider refurbishment of a bench at the Landing, Great Urswick.**

As the owner of the bench is currently untraceable, it was agreed that the Council take on the cost of refurbishment. Cllr. Chamberlain to ascertain costs for next meeting.

**13. To consider any representation to the South Lakeland District Council Parish Remuneration Panel regarding allowances or expenses for members.**

It was agreed to make no representation to the Panel.

**14. To discuss a letter received from a member of the public regarding toilet facilities for fishermen at the Tarn.**

See item 9.

**15. To receive an update on the Local Area Partnership (LAP).**

Cllr. Cowsill provided an update on the following items:

- Community litter picks – support available from LAP.
- Update on HIMS (system for reporting a fault on the highway)
- Flooding at Red Lane – remedial work delayed by problems with access to land.
- Councillors invited to join co-ordination group for Coastal Connections
- Up to £2000 available for small local projects

- Funding for 'Locally Important Projects' – applications open from November to January
- Reminder of role of Police Complaints Commission

**16. To approve the annual grant to the Little Urswick Village Green Association.**

**RESOLVED: The Council resolved to approve the annual grant of £150 to the Little Urswick Village Green Association. (Open Spaces Act, 1906, s10)**

**17. To consider a request for a donation for the upkeep of the churchyard at the church of St. Mary and St. Michael in Great Urswick.**

After discussion, it was resolved (by a majority vote) to approve a grant of £250 for the upkeep of the churchyard.

**RESOLVED: The Council resolved to donate a sum of £250 for the upkeep of the churchyard. (Local Government Act 1972, s214 (6))**

**18. To publicise arrangements for Armistice Day 2018, to include residents of Stainton with Adgarley.**

Armistice Service to be publicised on notice boards and by a leaflet drop. A request for traffic controls during the service to be forwarded to the Police.

**Clerk to Action.**

**19. To receive and approve the Council's quarterly accounts and budget report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018. (Clerk)**

**RESOLVED: The Council resolved to receive and approve the quarterly accounts and budget report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018.**

**20. To agree payments in accordance with the budget as listed in the report provided. (Clerk)**

**RESOLVED: the Council resolved that the following accounts be paid:**

Clerk's salary	July 2018	£341.64
Clerk's expenses	July 2018	£18.39
Urswick PCC – room hire	2/8	£10.00
Little Urswick Village Green Ass. – annual grant		£150.00
Urswick PCC – churchyard maintenance		£250.00

**21. To note correspondence received and decide on any response required.**

Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

**22. To receive items for the agenda for the next meeting.**

To consider replacement of a fishing peg with disabled access on Urswick Tarn.

To approve costs for an extension of the parking area at the Landing, Urswick Tarn.

To approve costs of refurbishment of a bench at the Landing, Great Urswick.

To review arrangements for Stainton bonfire

**23. Date and time of next meeting.**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Stainton Recreation Hall, 7.30pm.

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